MALNAD DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MALNAD AREA

852 SRI A. G. KODGI (Basindur).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.

whether there is any proposal before Government to constitute Malnad Development Board for the improvement of Malnad area of the State ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

No, Sir

But the Government of India is thinking of Western Ghat development including the coastal area.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re: *Mal-administration of Virupaksheshawaraswamy Temple at Hampi.*

SRI B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue to the mal-administration of Virupaksheswara Swamy Temple at Hampi.

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—I state as follows:

(1) No lease amounts have been collected from the lessees of about 58 acres of wet land belonging to the temple for the last 2 years.

Sri Virupakshaswamy Temple at Hampi is having 57-87 acres of wet land and all the lands are being leased out in public auction and the annual lease demand is fixed in terms of kinds like sugarcane and paddy. The total lease is 369-42 tons of sugarcane or 369-42 gulies of paddy whichever is grown in the land. For D C. B. purpose the value of kind is converted into cash and taken to demand register The total average annual demand in terms of cash works out of Rs. 25,000 per annum. The temple authorities have collected a sum of Rs. 9,258-84 during last two years and the total arrears to be collected as on 1st July 1972 in Rs. 86,822. Action is being taken by the temple authorities to file suits for collection of arrears.